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country the low-level reservoir would require  
a tremendously deep damming-wall as com-  
pared with one at a higher altitude, and  
would take much longer to build. Even  
when the site is definitely fixed upon, no  
hope can be held out that the community  
will derive any benefit from the new  
reservoir till the end of 1906, at soonest.

So, with the view of curtailing this waterless  
hiatus, the Hon. W. CHATHAM, the Director  
of Public Works, brought forward a scheme  
that only requires to be examined to be  
commended. Mr. CHATHAM says, in effect,  
that owing to the prolonged period to be  
occupied in the completion of the whole  
scheme it is desirable that some works to  
meet present requirements should be under-  
taken at once. Accordingly he proposed to  
construct a dam higher up the valley on a  
site already suggested as an alternative site  
in the Tytamuk Scheme by the Hon.  
FRANCIS A. COOPER, Director of Public  
Works, in 1896. The present proposal  
contemplates an amplification of Mr.  
COOPER's plan, so that the capacity of this  
dam will be one hundred and ninety-four  
million gallons in place of one hundred  
millions, a quantity which the pumping  
engines now on order will be capable of  
dealing with and lifting to the Tytam level.  
Writing in October last, Mr. CHATHAM  
estimated that there was available for tiding  
over the dry season one hundred and  
eighty-five days' supply. The new reservoir  
will bring that figure up to two hundred and  
thirty-three days' supply.

Of this new dam the natural drainage  
area amounts to four hundred and seventy  
acres, of which two hundred and ten acres  
lie about the Tytam West catchwater supply-  
ing Tytam Reservoir, whilst the drainage  
of a large area situated entirely outside the  
present Tytam drainage area can be inter-  
cepted by catchwaters constructed along the  
southern slopes of the hills along the head  
of the valley. It will be seen therefore that  
the proposal can boast of numerous advan-  
tages. Mr. CHATHAM enumerates them thus—

- (1.) The site is a very favourable one for  
the construction of a dam.
- (2.) It can be undertaken at once.
- (3.) It will not interfere with any exist-  
ing or proposed works.
- (4.) The base of the dam being 112 feet  
above Ordnance Datum, it will not be over-  
lapped by the construction of the larger  
dam to be undertaken hereafter and will  
therefore be of permanent benefit for storing  
water.
- (5.) Being close to the small dam in con-  
nection with the temporary pumping-plant  
already established, the work-people can be  
conveniently housed below the latter so as  
to avoid the risk of pollution of the supply  
from this source.

The small dam above referred to is  
one, recently constructed, with a capacity  
of one and a half millions and equip-  
ped with an engine capable of pumping  
half-a-million gallons per day to the Tytam  
gauge-basin. It is satisfactory to note that  
Mr. CHATHAM's proposal for the construc-  
tion of this bigger auxiliary dam met with  
Sir HENRY BLAKE's strong support, and  
that on His Excellency's representations it  
has received the sanction of the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies.

The cost of the dam is to be paid for out  
of the sums voted for the Tytamuk Scheme,  
of which it practically forms a part. We  
cannot hope to reap any advantage from the  
new reservoir during the present dry season,  
but it is a consoling fact that the Water  
Authority leads us to expect it will be avail-  
able for the purposes of public supply in  
the 1904-5 dry season, by which time the  
pumping-engines will have come out from  
home. Mr. CHATHAM deserves the thanks  
of the community for the way in which he has  
carried through this scheme, if, as  
we are led to believe, it will do  
much to relieve the distress that has been  
borne by all classes in Hongkong of recent  
years and has been getting to be more  
burdensome as time went on and the water-  
supply became less and less proportionately  
as the population became more numerous.

A cattle-disease is reported from Nanking  
greatly resembling that which affects cattle  
here. It is known in the Nanking neighbour-  
hood as "red dysentery."

A Regular Meeting of the Ethen Mark Lodge  
will be held at the Freemasons' Hall on  
Wednesday, the 27th January, at 8.30 for 9 p.m.  
Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A meeting of the Church Missionary Associa-  
tion will be held in the City Hall at 5 p.m.  
to-day, with H.E. the Officer Administering  
the Government in the chair. The Bishops  
of Caledonia and Victoria will speak of  
missionary work in British Columbia and  
China. We are asked to state that all are  
cordially invited to attend.

We note that the *Japan Gazette*, in their  
issue of the 2nd inst., reprint an article from  
the *Daily Press*, about the s.s. *Finsbury*, and  
credit it to the *China Mail*.

On p. 5 to-day we begin the first of a series  
of original week-ly articles on Bridge. It is  
requested that all communications regarding  
this be addressed to "Mogul" care of *Hongkong  
Daily Press*. On this page will also be found a  
petition from the ladies of Hongkong on the  
subject of the registration of domestic servants  
in the Colony.

A Calcutta despatch, dated the 14th January,  
says:—The large consignments of India and  
Ceylon tea that were recently purchased by  
Russian buyers at Calcutta and Colombo for  
consignment to Moscow via Dalay have not  
been able to proceed very far on their journey  
on the Siberian railway owing to the fact that  
the line is now being used almost exclusively  
for the transport of war materials and troops.

The system of wireless telegraphy which has  
been projected for some time between Formosa  
and Minsk, near Nagasaki, was experimented  
with on the night of the 14th ult. The experi-  
ment gave satisfactory results, but the opera-  
tions required a very strong charge of  
electricity, which makes the services costly  
and investigations are now being made with a  
view to the reduction of expenditure.

It will be seen from our advertisement  
columns that Madame Candotti, a pupil of  
Rubinstein, will, with the assistance of local  
talent, give a concert in the Theatre on Satur-  
day, February 6th inst. Madame Candotti  
comes to the Colony with high ree recommendations,  
and the concert is announced as being given  
under the patronage of His Excellency the  
Officer Administering the Government and  
Mrs. May.

Mr. & Mrs. Taft left Yokohama for San  
Francisco on the *Korea* on the 7th inst. On  
the evening of the 4th instant a reception was  
given at the United States Legation at Tokyo to  
Mr. Taft. Prince Kanin was present, as were the  
Japanese Prime Minister, the Minister of State  
for Foreign Affairs, Marquis Oyama, the Min-  
ister of State for War, Marquis and Marchioness  
Nabeshima, Marquis Hachisaka, and many  
others. Nearly the whole American community  
of Tokyo and Yokohama attended.

A Tientsin despatch quoted by the *N.C.  
Daily News* states that following the example  
of the Ministers of Foreign Powers at Seoul  
the Chinese Minister, Hui Tai-shan, also  
asked for a legation guard, consisting of  
a battalion of troops, from Viceroy Yuan Shikai  
with the request that the latter would help him  
to recommend the matter to the Throne.  
Viceroy Yuan Shikai, however, did not seem to  
think a guard necessary for the Chinese legation  
at Seoul, and so has refused to send the troops  
asked for.

News was received at Railway Headquarters  
at Tientsin, says the *P. & T. Times*, stating that  
Conductor Frederick Miller had committed  
suicide at Tientsin. The deceased was formerly  
in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and joined the  
railway service about a year ago. It appears  
that he was suspended from duty on the 30th  
ult. for an offence that was not a very serious one,  
and that he caused his shooting himself through  
the head. The deceased was very popular both  
with his co-workers as well as friends outside  
the service, and was to have been reinstated in  
his position in a few days.

The latest news received at Calcutta from  
the Chumbi Valley is that Colonel Young-  
husband and the Tibet Mission are now at the  
foot of the Tangle Pass, and only await settled  
weather to cross it. A large quantity of  
supplies has been accumulated in the Chumbi  
Valley, so that even if the Tangle Pass should  
now be closed by snow, as is highly probable to  
be the case very shortly, the Mission will be well  
provided with necessities. A heavy snowfall  
which so blocked the Simla railway that passen-  
gers had to spend a night on the road, has not  
extended to the Eastern Himalayas, and there is  
nothing therefore to interfere with the advance  
to Gyantse Jong as soon as sufficient supplies  
have been pushed up the Tanglek. The Pass  
which has to be crossed en route, though 15,700  
feet high, is easy.

A home contemporary says:—Sir West  
Ridgeway, who has just returned from Ceylon  
to this country, will be long remembered in the  
island for his encouragement of railway and  
harbour schemes. It was during the eight  
years of his administration that Colombo,  
developed into one of the great ocean ports of  
the world. The breakwaters, patent slip, and  
other harbour works which he initiated caused  
the headquarters of the mail steamers to be  
removed from Galle to Colombo, while his  
policy has made Colombo second only to Hong-  
kong in dock accommodation among the ports  
of the East. He has bequeathed to his  
successor, Sir Henry Blake, a scheme for  
tarnishing 187 acres of swamp into new docks  
which will give berthing accommodation to  
thirty of the largest ocean-going steamers  
afloat.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued  
the following report.

On the 20th at 11.50 a.m.—The barometer has  
risen slightly over China, fallen moderately over  
S. Japan and the Loochoos.

The high pressure area still lies over Central  
China, and pressure is relatively low over  
Japan.

Gradients moderate with strong monsoon in  
the Formosa Channel, rather steep with heavy  
monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.  
Forecast:—fresh N. winds; fine.

## TELEGRAMS.

## "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

## THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

SINGAPORE, 20th January, 4.15 p.m.

JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN SHIPS  
HURRYING EAST.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's s.s. *Tamba-  
maru* sailed for Kobe at mid-day to-day.  
The Russian s.s. *Kazan* followed ten  
minutes later, carrying 2,000 troops.

[In a *Daily Press* telegram, appearing on the  
18th inst., it was notified that the Nippon  
Yusen Kaisha s.s. *Tamba-maru* was to dis-  
charge all her cargo at Singapore, and return  
to Japan, having received telegraphic instruc-  
tions. The passengers transhipped to the  
Mekagories Maritimes s.s. *Annam*. The s.s.  
*Tamba-maru* is a twin-screw vessel of 6,130 tons  
gross. Being one of the finest vessels of  
the N.Y.K.—one of their Japan-Europe  
liners—she would, should it be found  
necessary, make an excellent transport. The  
Russian s.s. *Kazan* passed the Suez Canal en  
route to the Far East on New Year's day. Be-  
sides the 2,000 troops she has a quantity of  
artillery stores on board. Altogether 4,000  
picked troops left Russia for the Far East via  
Suez last month.—ED. D.P.]

## REUTERS' SERVICE.

## JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 18th January.

The Japanese Minister sees the Tsar to-day  
by invitation, for the purpose of conferring on  
the situation in the Far East.

## OBITUARY.

LONDON, 18th January.

The death is announced of Admiral Sir  
Harry Keppel.

## THE DARDANELLES.

LONDON, 18th January.

Absolutely nothing is known at Constan-  
tinople concerning the application for the  
passage of the Russian Black Sea fleet through  
the Dardanelles.

SOMALILAND-ITALY'S  
CONGRATULATIONS.

LONDON, 18th January.

The Italian Government has telegraphed its  
congratulations to the British Government on  
the victory in Somaliland.

## GERMAN S.W. AFRICA.

LONDON, 18th January.

Count von Bülow in the Reichstag dwelt  
on the seriousness of the outbreak of the Her-  
eros in German S.W. Africa, by which the fruits  
of ten years' labour had been destroyed. Rein-  
forcements of troops and marines will sail  
immediately for the scene of action.

## BLOEMFONTEIN FLOODED.

LONDON, 18th January.

The lower portion of Bloemfontein has been  
flooded by a water-spout; three hotels and  
many houses have been destroyed; the number  
of dead is unknown; hundreds are homeless.

## THE HEALTH OF HONGKONG.

We were notified from the Colonial Secre-  
tary's office yesterday that a telegram had been  
received from the Deputy Governor, British  
North Borneo, to the effect:—"Quarantine  
restrictions removed in Labuan and Borneo." A  
positive scandal has thus been tardily remedied.

## JAPAN AND THE CRISIS.

There being rumours yesterday to the effect  
that the Japanese Government had bought up  
practically every launch in Japan, even the  
*Tsunan* launch at Kobe (which, it was said, had  
been rechristened the *Tsunan-maru*), we made  
enquiries about the matter on board the  
Canadian Pacific Railway Company's s.s.  
*Empress of India*. What those aboard observed  
is of interest. To begin with, many of the  
launches belonging to the Mitsui Bussan  
Kaisha Company have been taken up, but,  
as far as those of the *Empress of India*  
know, that is all. When the liner  
was at Kobe, *Tsunan* certainly was running as  
usual. The absence of Japanese warships at  
the ports of call was ominous. Many Japanese  
men-of-war, they heard, were at Sasebo, all  
ready for action, and awaiting events. The  
Army, too, was prominent by the absence of  
soldiers, it being understood that the men were  
awaiting immediate orders to embark from  
other part of the country where numerous  
cooled merchant-steamers were anchored and  
fitted up as troop-ships. The trans-Pacific liner  
*Hongkong-maru*, which has been taken up by the  
Japanese Government, will make an ideal  
transport, as also will the numerous vessels  
belonging to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
Japanese workmen seem to desire fight, but  
more educated inhabitants of "the land of the  
Rising Sun," realising what war would mean,  
hope for a peaceful settlement, at the same  
time, however, they commend their Government  
for their plucky determination to back up the  
interests of the people, even with the sword-  
rifle would be more appropriate—should it  
be necessary.

BRITISH ACTIVITY IN THE FAR CORRESPONDENCE.  
EAST.

## THE FISCAL QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 20th January.

SIR,—I notice from the columns of your  
paper that the question of the desirability of  
free imports from foreign countries is being  
vigorously discussed by many of your corre-  
spondents. May I venture to express the hope  
that those gentlemen, and any others who are  
willing to take part, will be kind enough to  
communicate with me, with a view to a debate  
on the subject being started under the auspices  
of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society? This  
question is undoubtedly one of the most  
momentous ones of the hour, and a  
public discussion of it would be of considerable  
value, because it would help to focus attention  
on the principal arguments which can be urged  
on both sides.—Yours, etc.

H. E. POLLOCK.

Hon. Sec.  
Hongkong Odd Volumes Society

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Reform Club, London, 18th December.

SIR,—I noticed the other day a letter ad-  
dressed to the Press by a politician, and from  
it I gathered that, whilst not unmindful of the  
pain publicity might inflict, the writer felt it  
his duty to indicate the true and inward signifi-  
cance of the success achieved by Mr. Chamber-  
lain in South Wales, and the precise cause of  
the enthusiasm which attended that campaign.  
This politician was not, I observed, satisfied  
with giving the actual terms of an accepted  
resolution. To drive home the imperishable  
lesson of the fiscal victory so fairly gained, he  
proceeded to quote the language, which he  
himself employed in its support, and from this  
I noted that, at the conclusion of his speech,  
drawing himself to his full height and pointing  
to his illustrious chief, Mr. Chamberlain, he  
exclaimed, with the pardonable pride of a  
showman directing attention to his most  
interesting exhibit, "This gentleman, is the  
foremost man of his race."

Now, Sir, I deem the merits of the Imperial  
Fiscal Policy, of which Mr. Chamberlain is the  
only responsible advocate, to be largely over-  
shadowed by the brilliant talents of the man.  
It would appear that England has nearly made  
up her mind to follow the man rather than the  
policy. This is a form of hero-worship which  
cannot be contemplated with equanimity. If  
Mr. Chamberlain is to be driven forward from  
Colonial Preference to British Protection, his  
Triumphal Car, in the language of the motorist,  
will be very apt to "skid," especially when  
negotiating those parts of the road where the  
treacherous self-interest is, if concealed, yet  
ever present.

If Mr. Chamberlain "skids," it means that  
the Empire will "skid." Upon whose shoulders  
would the blame lie? There is no doubt in my  
mind that history would trace such a disaster  
to the inability of the Free Trade or Free Food  
party to demonstrate the necessity of preserving  
to England in the fullest degree practicable  
every benefit which she now derives from her  
monopoly of Free Trade.

The Duke of Devonshire in saying that  
imports are receipts, and exports the sending  
out of our very substance, is confusing a  
"Balance Sheet" with a "Profit and Loss"  
account. Such an argument can only apply on  
the assumption that the imports are donations.  
Again, can any practical value be attached to  
his advice when he says, "If you retaliate, do it  
gently?"

I have sufficiently suggested that I am not a  
"Free-trader" nor a "Free-fooder," and on the  
other hand I am not a "Protectionist"; but  
Sir, I claim to be a "Proportionist." The  
incredible law of proportion should in my  
opinion govern our fiscal policy, and at that  
moment when this law is disregarded, the  
interests of this country will be jeopardised.

Mr. Chamberlain is widening his platform.  
The word "Protection" now bears the accent  
of his approval. I have great faith in the  
Imperial Policy, and wish success to every  
Missionary of Empire; but I see no necessity  
to join the Protectionist Pilgrimage. The  
value of Protection is to be measured by the  
balance of national benefit which its application  
secures, and in no other way. A general  
system of Protection is not essential to the  
Imperial Fiscal Policy and it, under the guise  
of preference to the Colonies, and the creation  
thereby of a definite community of interest  
within the borders of the Empire, Mr. Cham-  
berlain inoculates this country with what, on  
the present lie of the facts, would be nothing  
less than the festering pestilence of protection,  
his opportunity for the consolidation of the  
Empire may, perchance, vanish for ever.

England is the natural theatre of the world's  
commercial activity, an activity which on its  
abstract side embraces banking, shipping, and  
insurance, together with the allied enterprises  
of mercantile operations, and on its concrete side  
the various commodities of commerce, which,  
following the line of least resistance, are at-  
tracted to her open market. Who can assess  
the value which this position confers?

It must be recognized once and for all that  
the particular argument in favour of any par-  
ticular industry, however perfectly presented, and  
however inherently sound, can have relevant  
application to the whole question of our fiscal  
policy only after its relation and proper pro-  
portion to the whole has been accurately  
determined.

Mr. Chamberlain had a great deal to do with  
the recent Sugar legislation, and I am not  
going to stop here to enquire as to the propriety  
of his motives; but, anyhow, if the facts have

THE SUBSCRIPTION FOR MRS.  
POWER.

It will be remembered that a subscription was  
raised in this Colony last year on behalf of Mrs.  
Power, wife of ex-Sergeant-Major Power of the  
H.K.V.C., who was convicted of embezzlement  
of the Corps funds in October. Major  
Pritchard, Commandant and Adjutant  
H.K.V.C., now sends us a statement of the fund  
for Mrs. Power, from which it appears that  
\$1,839.58 in all were subscribed (H.E. Sir Henry  
Blake, the officers and men of the H.K.V.C.,  
contributing \$633, and the Sergeants' Mess,  
R.G.A., \$113), and that after various expenses  
had been paid a bank draft to England for  
\$1,146.86 (2106/0/6) has been handed to Mrs.  
Power. She returns to England with her  
daughter and youngest son on the *Deiwaer*,  
she and her daughter going free as nurses to  
officers' children, while a trifling sum will be  
paid for the small boy for food and Suez Canal  
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thanks to all who subscribed to the fund.



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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [284]

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together with a Statement of Accounts for  
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Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY,  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [192]

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SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be  
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Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th  
JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors together with a Statement of Accounts  
for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the  
Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY,  
the 16th JANUARY, to WEDNESDAY,  
the 27th JANUARY, both days inclusive, during  
which period no Transfer of Shares can be  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [193]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the Company will be held in  
the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Des  
Vaux Road, Victoria, on 6th FEBRUARY,  
1904, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving  
Statement of Accounts and the Report of the  
General Managers for the year ending 31st  
December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and  
electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 6th  
FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [272]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY  
HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be  
held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 19,  
Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on  
SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12  
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a  
Report of the Directors, together with a State-  
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, con-  
firming the appointment of a Director and  
electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 23rd JANUARY, to  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [258]

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## BRIDGE.

[It is requested that all communications referring to  
this column be addressed to "Mogul," care of  
Hongkong Daily Press.]

At the outset it may be stated—perhaps  
superfluously—that the object of this column is  
not to teach Bridge. Few of the many good  
players in this Colony would undertake to lay  
down the law to their fellows; but there are  
equally few, perhaps even none, who are so  
proficient in the game that they are unable at  
times to learn a little from less competent and  
experienced players than themselves. There-  
fore it is intended to invite amateurs—if, in-  
deed, any Bridge players are amateurs—to  
send in records of interesting or difficult  
hands which have come under their notice,  
to criticize the play of such hands, and  
to indicate any points which may occur to  
them as being of interest to the average  
player.

We have heard that an attempt has  
been made at home to unify the various laws,  
conventions, and codes of Bridge, but as yet  
nothing has come to hand.

It may be said that owing to the comparative  
newness of the game and its infinite varieties,  
opinions of the best players are widely  
divergent on such vital points as, for instance,  
the advisability of discarding from strength or  
weakness, or of leading the highest heart or  
the highest of the shortest suit by the elder  
hand when his partner has doubled no trump.  
Much may be said for and against either side  
in each case, but there must be a right and  
a wrong, and the sooner players are informed  
by the Bridge "powers that be" what is the  
correct play in this and similar instances the  
better for the game.

The American game of whist—duplicate  
whist—probably presents the most perfect card  
game of its kind, as no advantage is derived from  
holding superior cards, and could some method  
of playing Bridge on similar lines be invented  
the newer game would doubtless be more  
popular even than is the case.

Apart from fundamental principles which  
we do not feel competent to open, we believe  
that adequate discussion may perhaps tend  
to raise the average standard of Bridge in  
Hongkong, and we trust that no one will  
hesitate to append notes and suggestions to any  
hand he may consider to be of sufficient interest  
to send in—still less will he hesitate to  
criticize our notes on any game presented  
which may come under our personal notice.

We give here an interesting hand played by  
some of the best players in London.

Score, love all. ABYZ are partners. A deals  
and declares no trumps. Y leads Diamond J  
and B lays down—

Hearts. A Q J 10 8 5 3  
Diamonds. 9 6  
Clubs. 5 3  
Spades. 6 2

Trick 1. Y, Diamond J; B, 6; Z, 3; A, Q.

2. A, Heart 6; Y, 2; B, 10; Z, 9!

This is the interesting point. Of course if  
Dummy goes on with the ace of hearts it is all  
over, but shouting, for A makes seven hearts, two  
spades, two diamonds, and a club—little slam; but  
Z's brilliant idea is that he will make A believe  
that the heart K is in Y's hand, and get  
him to finesse again, which he did, as will be  
seen. In any case, apart from considerations  
which we shall notice later, Z only stands to  
lose one trick, and may save the game. So  
we see—

Trick 3—Dummy, Spade 6; Z, 3; A, 10; Y, K.

4—Y, Diamond 10; B, 6; Z, 5; A, Ace.

5—A, Heart 4; Y, 7; B, 3; Z, K.

and takes the trick. He leads back a diamond  
and AB make the odd trick only.

It occurs to one that if Z had taken the first  
heart trick and led back a diamond that Y  
might have had Ace 10 of that suit and have  
caught the King in A's hand. Foster says the  
ten lead can be from nothing else than K J 10  
and others. We think that the J is better,  
though many others, especially whist-players,  
always lead the 10.

Again, if A had only one heart, he must  
have finessed the 10 and returned the Ace, when  
of course he would have caught Z's King and  
made his seven hearts.

In any event this hand is an exceedingly  
interesting one, and we think that Z should be  
congratulated on the success of his really  
brilliant coup.

The other hands were as follow—

Y. Z. A. B.  
H. 7 2 K 10 8 5 3 A Q  
D. K J 10 7 4 2 8 5 3 A Q  
C. 10 7 K Q 8 6 A J 9 4 2  
S. K 9 5 8 7 4 3 A Q J 10

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## REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

The following is the petition which Hon.  
H. E. Pollock desired to present at the  
Legislative Council on Tuesday, and which was  
ruled out of order—

1.—Your Petitioners, ladies of the European  
Community in this Colony, respectfully request  
that legislation may be introduced to cope with  
the existing difficulties in connection with  
Chinese domestic servants, viz.,—boys, house-  
cooks, cooks, vehicle-cooks, and amahs.

2.—During the greater part of every day we  
are left alone in our houses, and in the majority  
of cases the domestic servants, taking advantage  
of the absence of the master of the house, dis-  
obey orders, are lazy and insolent.

3.—Our husbands or brothers, owing to their  
business engagements, have not the time to  
spend in instituting and attending prosecutions  
at the Magistracy, and it is highly distasteful  
as well as most inconvenient to ourselves—  
especially in the summer season—to take steps  
personally to have offenders punished.

4.—Our only remedy is to dismiss the offend-  
ing parties; but such dismissal is a poor remedy,  
for we must engage fresh servants, unless, as  
often happens, we are boycotted, and such fresh  
servants come to us as a rule without any cer-  
tificates of character. Even if they bring cer-  
tificates of character we are often unable to find  
out whether the character relates to the person  
presenting it, for there is no means of identifica-  
tion, and the perpetual fluctuation of the  
European community renders enquiry as to the  
bona-fides of an applicant impossible in many  
cases.

5.—Some of us have lived for many years in  
this Colony, and can state most positively that  
the demoralisation and capability of domestic  
servants have deteriorated in recent years, with  
the result that domestic economy is a source of  
increasing annoyance and strain every day to  
your petitioners, who have enough already to  
contend with in the climatic conditions.

6.—We respectfully assert that our relation  
to domestic servants cannot be judged by that  
which prevails at Government House or Head-  
quarter House, or in bachelor establishments.  
The perquisites and the status of servants at  
Government House or Head-quarter House  
tend to render them more attentive, respectful,  
and diligent; whilst the pay in bachelor  
establishments is notoriously very high, and  
therefore attractive; though in bachelor  
establishments there are, we believe, more often  
than not, grave causes of complaint on the side  
of the masters.

7.—We further submit that our experience  
should not be compared with, or rejected in  
favour of, the experience of the few influential  
members of the community who obtain their  
servants through a Chinese compradore, who is  
responsible for their conduct, and whose interest  
it is to see that no cause of trouble arises in  
respect of incivility, or wages, or any other  
matter.

8.—We would impress on Your Excellency  
that we represent the bulk of the European  
ladies of Hongkong, and that we have a right  
to have our grievances seriously and impartially  
considered and legislated for.

9.—We are not asking for oppressive legisla-  
tion in our favour as against the interests of  
the Chinese; we are merely asking that every  
Chinese who offers himself or herself as a servant  
should come with credentials which can be relied  
upon. It must be obvious that any system  
which raises the standard of servants must  
benefit the servant as well as the master, be he  
European or Chinese.

10.—It is almost superfluous to remind Your  
Excellency of the large number of larcenies  
which have been committed by servants, or in  
collusion with servants, in the dwelling houses  
of Europeans and Chinese alike, during the last  
few months. Such occurrences would, in our  
opinion, be rendered far less frequent if the  
proposals set out in the next paragraph are  
given the effect of law.

11.—We respectfully beg that Your Ex-  
cellency will initiate legislation on the following  
or similar lines:—

(a) Compulsory registration of all domestic  
servants.

(b) Compulsory photographing of all domestic  
servants.

(c) Compulsory taking out of registration  
certificates.

(d) Compulsory entries of charge of services  
on the registration certificates.

(e) All the other measures embodied in the  
draft Bill which formed an Appendix to the  
recent Report of the Private Chair and  
Jiricksha Coolies Commission.

The petitioners numbered about 270.

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